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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF LT. COL. PFISTER TO DAMASCUS

1. LT. COL. CLYDE H. PFISTER, US ARMY STAFF ACTION OFFICER FOR UNTSO AND MIDDLE EAST UN PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES HAS PROPOSED A VISIT TO VARIOUS UN ACTIVITIES INCLUDING UNTSO, UNEF AND UNDOF IN ISRAEL, EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN, AND LEBANON.

2. PFISTER BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO VISIT DAMASCUS FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. HE DESIRES TO CONFER WITH 3 US DOD REPRESENTATIVES ATTACHED TO UNTSO IN DAMASCUS, PRIMARILY MAJOR ALLISON,
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ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER.

B. IN PROCESS HE WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS UNDOF OPERATIONS WITH MAJOR ALLISON AND OTHER US OFFICIALS.

C. ALSO WANTS TO LOOK INTO RECENTLY PROPOSED AND SOON TO BE IMPLEMENTED PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING UNEF AND UNDOF REQUESTS FOR NON-MAJOR END ITEMS OF US SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE UN DEPOT AT PISA, ITALY TO US ARMY DEPOT LEGHORN, ITALY (RATHER THAN THROUGH CUMBERSOME UN CHANNELS).

3. PFISTER INDICATES THAT HE HAS TALKED TO UNTSO, JERUSALEM AND INDICATES THAT UNTSO FAVORS HIS TRIP TO ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDING SYRIA.

4. DEPT HAS SOME RESERVATIONS ON VISIT TO SYRIA AND THUS WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON PFISTER VISIT.

5. IF TRAVEL TO SYRIA IS APPROVED, PFISTER WOULD PROPOSE TO ARRIVE IN DAMASCUS FROM BEIRUT VIA UN VEHICLE ON SEPT. 27 AND DEPART DAMASCUS FOR AMMAN ON SEPT. 29 ALSO VIA UN VEHICLE. KISSINGER

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